

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF PRESCOTT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES COMMITTEE

Art in Public Places Committee October 7, 2021 3:00 p.m. Prescott City Hall
City Council Chambers
201 S. Cortez St

Minutes of the Art in Public Places Committee Meeting held on October 7, 2021 at Prescott City Hall.

#### A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Chair Alexandra Rudolph.

#### B. Roll Call

#### **Art in Public Places Committee Members**

Alexandra Rudolph

Chairwoman

Ron Miller

Vice Chairman

Nicole Sorenson

Committee member

Roger Thomas

Committee member

Cindi Shaffer

Committee member

#### **Staff Present**

Joe Baynes – Recreation Services Director Jennifer Wiita – Deputy City Clerk

#### C. Discussion – La Guardia Bridge Underpass Art Donation

Vice Chairman Ron Miller asked about any changes since last committee meeting.

Recreation Services Director Joe Baynes reminded the committee that, at the July 15, 2021 meeting, the Arts in Public Places Committee approved an art donation of a mural at the La Guardia Bridge underpass by artist Joel Griffith, with the understanding that more funds needed to be raised. To date, \$5,500 of the total estimated cost of \$8,400 has been raised. Additionally, a Partnering Fund will be used to match what is raised; there is enough to begin the project. Extra funds will be used to buy benches to place in the area.

Member Roger Thomas asked about the longevity of the project and how it will be maintained.

Mr. Baynes responded that Granite Park has had a bad reputation, however over the last ten (10) years the city has worked hard to make improvements such as the Splash Pad, the Pump Park, and the Story



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Trail. These improvements have had a positive effect and the underpass mural will only add to this. The city also plans on increased bike patrol by Prescott Police. Mr. Baynes added that the mural will not be sealed but will be maintained by Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Griffith noted that anti-graffiti sealant was previously discussed and added that the only maintenance it may need is a power wash once per year.

Member Cindi Shaffer asked about lighting of the underpass.

- Mr. Baynes replied that currently there is lighting and that adding vandal-proof lighting is in the plan.
- Mr. Griffith asked if the lighting will affect homeowners in the area.
- Mr. Baynes responded that the lighting is downward facing and should not pose a problem.
- Vice Chairman Ron Miller asked Mr. Griffith if he has a crew ready to help with the project.
- Mr. Griffith replied he does not but knows of a couple of interested people and will brainstorm on how to recruit more.

Member Cindi Shaffer asked about a start date.

Mr. Griffith stated that a date has not been established yet but will begin power washing once a date is set.

Member Nicole Sorenson asked if the project can be started in the winter.

Mr. Griffith replied that spring is the best time to begin; freezing temperatures will affect the curing process.

Vice Chairman Ron Miller inquired of the effect the recent monsoon rain had on the bridge.

Mr. Baynes stated that the water level under the bridge reached approximately five feet and took out a walking bridge.

Mr. Griffith noted that even so, the paint doesn't seem to be failing, just distressed.

Vice Chairman Ron Miller stated that a good quality exterior paint will come with recommendations; may need to remove the existing paint first.

Chairwoman Alexandra Rudolph asked for confirmation that \$5,500 has been raised and the city is doing a one-to-one match, and that the excess funds will be used for enhancements.

Mr. Baynes confirmed.



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Motion by Vice Chair Ron Miller to recommend forwarding Item C. to Council for approval; Seconded by Chair Alexandra Rudolph: Passed 5-0.

### D. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Rudolph adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jennyer Wijta, Deputy City Clerk

Alexandra Rudolph, Chairperson

Date: 2/3/2022